

REMARKS

Claims 5-23 were pending in this application before this Response. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-4 in an earlier amendment and also cancels claims 5-12 and 19-23 without prejudice. Applicant has added new claims 24-31 to more fully protect the invention. In view of the cancellation of claims 5-12 and 19-23, Applicant believes that no additional fee is required for this addition. If this is not correct, the Commissioner is requested to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

NEW DEPENDENT CLAIMS

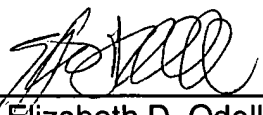
New claims 24-28 depend on independent claim 13 and are supported in the specification. New claims 29-31 depend on independent claim 15 and also are supported in the specification. New claims 24-31 are based upon dependent claims which have been cancelled. Since the independent claims 13 and 15 from which these new claims depend have been allowed, Applicant submits that new claims 24-31 also are allowable as well.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that upon entry of the above amendments, and consideration of the above remarks that claims 13-18 and 24-31, being all of the claims pending in the application, will be found to be in condition for allowance. If it would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7521.

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